

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY NASSAU

AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

ERUESSD/AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO 226

AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

AMCONSUL BELIZE

AMCONSUL CURACAO

AMCONSUL MARACAIBO

AMEMBASSY MARTINIQUE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: ACOM, AEMR, XL

SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN EMERGENCY RADIO NET

1. RAIDO TESTS WITH ALL NET STATIONS ARE NOW BEING CONDUCTED  
BY CARIBBEAN EMERGENCY NET NET CONTROL DAILY MONDAY THROUGH  
FRIDAY. THIS EMBASSY FINDS THIS CONSTANT TESTING OF  
VOICE CIRCUITS EXCESSIVE AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE NET  
CONTROL CARRY OUT ROUTINE RADIO CHECKS NOT MORE THAN  
ONCE OR TWICE PER WEEK DURING NORMAL TIMES, WITH  
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FREQUENCY OF TESTS TO BE INCREASED AT NET CONTROL

DISCRETION IN PERIODS OF TENSION OR EMERGENCY.

2. WHILE PRESENT DAILY RADIO CHECK MAY BE EASILY CONDUCTED BY NET CONTROL WITH OPERATOR DETAILED TO THIS DUTY, IT IS NOT SIMPLE FOR SMALL FOREIGN SERVICE POST.

3. PRESENT TESTS OFTEN GO ON FOR HOURS DAILY. DURING THIS TIME, DUE TO PHYSICAL CONSTRAINT PROBLEMS AT THIS POST, NET CONTROL CHATTER IS HEARD BY AND ANNOYING TO ENTIRE EMBASSY EXECUTIVE SUITE AND MOST OF PUBLIC RECEPTION AREA. CONTINUATION OF ROUTINE NET DIALOGUE FOR HOURS EACH DAY ALSO INTERFERES DIRECTLY WITH WORK EFFICIENCY OF LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL THIS POST.

4. IN ADDITION TO CURTAILING UNNECESSARILY FREQUENT TEST SCHEDULE, RECOMMEND SOMEWHAT SIMPLIFIED FORMAT FOR TESTS THEMSELVES. PRESENT NET CONTROL PROCEDURES INVOLVES INDIVIDUAL CALL-UP OF EACH STATION, FOLLOWED BY REPETITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF NET CONTROL, RESPONSE, THEN INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CIRCUIT QUALITY, FOLLOWED BY "BREAK BREAK" AND RECYCLING OF ENTIRE PROCEDURE FOR NEXT STATION CALLED. FOR GENERAL NET TEST WE PROPOSE THREE-MINUTE "ALL STATIONS" CALL-UP, WITH NET STATIONS THEN TO RESPOND IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (BY CALL SIGN). A STATION WHICH MISSED ITS APPOINTED PLACE COULD SQUEEZE IN AT THE END. NET CONTROL, AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE AT THE END OF RESPONSES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANOTHER STATION WAS WAITING AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND, COULD ACKNOWLEDGE COLLECTIVELY, COMMENT IF NECESSARY ON INDIVIDUAL TRANSMISSIONS WHICH WERE NOT SATISFACTORY, AND CALL ONCE MORE INDIVIDUAL STATIONS NOT HEARD FROM. THIS OR SOME SIMILAR PROCEDURE COULD SHORTEN ENTIRE TEST TRANSMISSIONS CONSIDERABLY.

5. FEELING THAT SOME OF SMALLER POSTS MAY HAVE EVEN GREATER PROBLEMS WITH PRESENT MANAGEMENT OF NET THAN THIS EMBASSY, THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT FOR INFO TO ALL NET STATIONS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY ALSO COMMENT IF DESIRED.

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